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20 NORTH WACKER DRIVE
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In re Application of :
Fred J. Stevens et al. :
Serial No.: 09/368,989 : PETITION DECISION
Filed: August 5, 1999 :
Attorney Docket: 0003/00332 :

This is in response to the applicants' "PetitionTo Withdrawal Notice of Abandonment" filed on December 28, 2001.

On April 24, 2001, a Final action was mailed. On September 19, 2001, an Advisory action was mailed. On December 4, 2001, a Notice of Abandonment for failure to timely file a proper reply to the Office letter mailed on April 24, 2002 was mailed to applicant. On December 28, 2001, the present petition was filed. Petitioner asserts that a Request for Continued Examination was timely filed on October 23, 2001 with a 2 month petition to extend time.

Application history and petitioner's statement have been carefully reviewed. The Request for Continued examination was timely filed. Accordingly, petition is Granted. This application has been returned to pending status and is being forwarded to examiner for consideration of the RCE after amiling ofthis decision.

Applicants' petition is **GRANTED**.

Should there be any questions regarding this decision, please contact Cecilia Tsang by mail addressed to Director, Technology Center 1600, Washington, D.C. 20231, or by telephone at (703) 308-0254 or by facsimile transmission at (703) 305-7230.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cecilia Tsang for". Below the signature, the name "Bruce M. Kisliuk" and his title "Director, Technology Center 1600" are printed in a sans-serif font.
Bruce M. Kisliuk
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